

Abstract

In an access network which supports macro mobility management, an access node checks during an attach procedure of a mobile station whether the mobile has macro mobility capability, i.e., whether there is a potential need for a macro mobility services. If there is no macro mobility capability, a normal attach procedure is performed. However, if there is macro mobility capability, the access node selects a suitable mobility entity to the mobile station, sends the identity of the selected mobility entity to the mobile station and requests the initiation of a packet protocol context activation in the system.